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SUBJECT Rise in Student Demonstrations

[Clip of student demonstration]

CHARLES GIBSON: Berkeley, California. University of California students demonstrate against apartheid.

Boulder, Colorado. Students there take issue with CIA recruiters on campus.

Madison, Wisconsin. Students from the campus there march on the state capital to protest U.S. policy in Central America.

Good evening. I'm Charles Gibson. And this is Nightline.

In the 1960s, protests and demonstrations were a way of life on American campuses. Is there a resurgence of student activism underway today? We'll talk with a protester who was wounded in the Kent State University shootings 15 years ago, and with a present-day student protest leader from Brown University.

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It happened on May 4th, 1970, 15 years ago. Ohio National Guardsmen on the campus of Kent State University fired rifles into a crowd of protesting students who were throwing rocks and stones. Four students were killed, nine wounded. Fifteen years ago. Those were the days when student activism was at its height, when the war put a generation at odds with its elders.

Some say today there's a rebirth of student activism